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Robert L. Morgan, P.E. Utah State Engineer Utah Division of Water Rights 1594 West North Temple, #220 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6300

Re:

Request for Reconsideration of February 27, 1998 Memorandum Decisions

Water Right Numbers: 55-4292, 55-4293

Change Application Numbers: a21033, a21034

Applicants: Edmund T. Sperry, Remund Ranch Incorporated

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Provo River Water Users Association ("PRWUA"), 1788 North State Street, Orem, Utah 84057, hereby respectfully requests that you reconsider the Memorandum Decisions described above.

Utah Code Ann. § 73-1-3 states: "Beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure and the limit of all rights to the use of water in this state."

The memorandum decisions described above ignore this basic principle of Utah law. The decisions allow the applicants to retain their entire historic beneficial use of water, and add significant additional beneficial uses. No retirement of any portion of the historic use has been required. Historic beneficial use is the basis, measure and limit of the right. The decisions simply add an additional measure of right. The decisions essentially approve a new appropriation of

water, with an early priority date, in an over-appropriated basin. All to the prejudice of the other water users.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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